

Appln No. 10/810,271
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

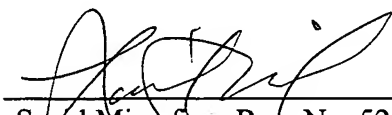
The Office action rejected claims 1-9, 11-14, 17-27, 29-32, and 35-37, and objected to claims 10, 15, 16, 28, 33 and 34 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1, 1-9, 11-14, 17-19, 23-27, 29, 32 and 35-37 are now cancelled. Claims 10, 15, 16, 28, 33 and 34 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims, noting that the language "the step of", present in prior claim 14 has not been included in claims 15 and 16. Accordingly, claims 10, 15, 16, 28, 33 and 34 are allowable.

Claims 2-4, 12-13 and claims 20-22, 30-31 have been amended to depend ultimately in claims 10 and 28, respectively. Accordingly, claims 2-4, 12-13, 20-22, and 30-31 are also allowable.

The application is now in condition for allowance and allowance of the subject application is therefore respectfully requested.

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